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Mr. Neil Thompson EPA, Region 10 (HW-113) 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101

Community Relations Plan for Colbert Landfill RE:

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Mike Blum and I are asking that you begin considering the types of community relations activities necessary during the remedial design and remedial action (RD/RA) stage of the Colbert Landfill cleanup.

A copy of the "Community Relations Plan for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at Colbert Landfill" is enclosed. This document was written in February of 1985 as an outline to community relations efforts and community concerns during the remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS). Now that the cleanup process has shifted to the RD/RA, it is necessary to update, or possibly re-write this document to ensure that the community relations needs of area residents continue to be addressed. For example: how often should public hearings be held and how often should fact sheets be published? We are aware from past activities that the Colbert community appreciates and desires more than a "minimal" community relations effort. If concerns have changed considerably since the original community relations plan was developed, an entirely new plan may need to be written.

Mike and I will be contacting you soon to get your input on this issue so we can move forward on this task. A list of individuals receiving this letter has been attached for your information. If you have any questions, Mike Blum can be reached at (206) 438-3043. I can be reached by calling (206) 438-7366, or we can both be reached toll-free at 1-800-458-0920.

Sincerely,

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The statement, "It would be helpful if you also consulted members of the community to gather input regarding today's most prevalent concerns about the landfill cleanup." has been added to the end of the second paragraph of letters mailed to Ms. Grace Garrison and Mr. David Hooks.